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## COMPULSORY AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE IN HUNGARY

MAKE FIRE AND HAIL INSURANCE MANDATORY -- Budapest, Magyar Kozlony, 12 Aug 52

The Presidential Council has issued a decree making insurance against fire and hail damage mandatory.

Under the decree, all property, including buildings, equipment, inventories, and livestock, owned by producers' cooperatives and private individuals must be insured against fire. Hail insurance is mandatory for all crops, including those of vineyards and orchards.

Protection of the property of producers' cooperatives and individuals against fire and hail was first realized on a large scale in the USSR, and the Soviet example is followed in the People's Democracies.

The fire insurance premium varies according to the number of rooms in the case of residential buildings and homes and according to the area insured in the case of agricultural real property. Indemnity will be paid by the Allamí Biztosító (State Insurance Fund) on the basis of the actual damage [percentage not given].

The premium for hail insurance varies according to the area covered. Indemnity will be paid according to the special schedules established for the various Jarosok (subdivisions or counties) in proportion to the amount of the insurance.

Producers' cooperatives will be granted a reduction of 20 - 30 percent in premiums.

The mandatory insurance is handled by the Allam Bixtosito under the supervision and with the assistance of the local councils.

The effective date of the decree is 1 January 1953.

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FIND HOG-FATTENING CONTRACTS IN ARREARS - Budapest, Szabad Nep, 24 Sep 52

Despite the very advantageous terms which the state is offering in the new hog-fattening contracts, there has been a general slowness on the part of most megyek and jarasok in availing themselves of the profits thus offered. Even where the greatest number of contracts have been concluded, the results are 30-40 percent short of requirements.

Misled by unexpectedly favorable reports from some sectors of the country, the Directorate of Livestock and Lard Collection of the Ministry of Agricultural Produce Collection has deemed it unnecessary to promote actively the conclusion of the contracts. The attitude of the directorate has been so lethargic that contract forms were not even distributed on time in Bacs Megye; consequently, several hundred working peasants who had been ready to sign refused to participate.

It is up to the directorate to make amends for this negligence by issuing specific instructions and by sending representatives to the province to assure the success of the program.

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